

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

ever; **the** internal factor means improving its quality; and the external,

in the world market.

As to quality, Indo-China produces innumerable varieties, and the reputation which the colony's tea as a whole has acquired is due to the predominance of certain inferior brands. Others, on the contrary, favourably with the best Ceylonese. Like all Indo-Chinese products, it needs to be classified and standardized, with a strict of fraud, especially in native teas. Favourable conditions, as to climate and labour, mean a low cost price for a good quality tea, and this is particularly important in view of the fact that the world is with tea of mediocre quality.

The fluctuations in the world tea market make for prudence in Indo-Chinese tea culture. World tea consumption, however, is France and her colonies, as well as local consumption, a protected market. But a surplus production is growing even faster, has naturally resulted in lowering the price. Indo-CMAa*\$ tea output has small importance beside that of the big tea —India with 40 per cent and Ceylon 27 per cent.

China is a consumer, but as always statistics for that country, arc In 193,3 England and Holland came to an agree-failure. Restriction was to be based on 15 per cent of 1929-31 output.

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